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PUC TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING RATE DESIGN FOR PG&E

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10, 2005 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) regarding Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) rate design, as part of the utility's General Rate Case.

The utility is requesting that electric rates be changed to reflect the current costs of serving its various customer groups. Under PG&E's proposal to the Commission, bills for customers who use less than 130 percent of their baseline allowance would not increase. The bill for a typical bundled residential customer using 542 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month would increase approximately \$3.76 from \$66.09 to \$69.85. The average usage for customers using more than twice their baseline allowance is 876 kWh. The bill for this average bundled customer would increase by approximately \$24 from \$125.83 to \$149.79 per month. Under the PG&E proposal, rates for some business classes would decrease to reflect lower costs of service.

These changes, if approved by the Commission, would take effect by late 2005 or early 2006.

The PPH schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 19, 2005, 4:30 p.m.
Chico Public Library, Conference Room
1108 Sherman Ave., Chico
- Feb. 1, 2005, 6 p.m.
PUC Auditorium, State Office Building
505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco
- Feb. 2, 2005, 7 p.m.
Santa Rosa City Hall Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa

- Feb. 3, 2005, 7 p.m.
Sheriff's Auditorium
55 West Younger Ave., San Jose
- Feb. 7, 2005, 4 p.m.
Tulare Public Library, Centennial Room
113 North F St., Tulare

These PPHs are scheduled to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the request of PG&E. Comments from the public can help the Commission reach an informed decision and members of the public are encouraged to attend the scheduled hearings.

If special arrangements are needed, such as sign and foreign language interpreters, please contact the PUC Public Advisor's Office at (415) 703-2074 or toll free 1-866-849-8390 or TTY (415) 703-5282 or 1-866-836-7825, or by e-mail at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov at least three days in advance of the event.

For those who are unable to attend the PPHs, written comments may be submitted to the following address:

PUC Public Advisor's Office
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Or, comments may be sent via e-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to proceeding number A.04-06-024. The Commission will take all comments received, both at the PPHs and submitted in writing, into account in reaching its decision.

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